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THE REAL IMPORT OF THE GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE.—The message of Gov. Magoffin, considered in its general relations, is nothing more or less than a plea in advance for the invasion of Kentucky by the Confederate army, unless the Legislature shall define neutrality as the secessionists define it and maintain neutrality as the secessionists would have it maintained. In other words, the message, whilst apparently professing to refer everything to the free determination of the Legislature, very strongly dictates everything to the Legislature, under the name of an invasion by the Confederate army, if the Legislature does not timely submit to the dictation. This is the long and fair consideration, nothing else can be made of it. Nothing else can be successfully made of it on even the narrowest and most partial consideration. The point is really too clear for controversy.

Gov. Magoffin, in his letter to the President, in his letter to the Confederate Chief, in his letter to the Governor of Tennessee, and, finally, in the body of his message, assumes plainly that the organization of Kentuckians under the flag of their country for the protection of Kentucky alone is a violation by the United States of the neutrality of the State. The Governor without consulting the Legislature or waiting for its action has—in his official capacity solemnly considered this grave point. He has under the sanction of his office deliberately written down the damaging concession in the archives of the State. Not is this all; for, whilst thus unscrupulously compromising the state, the Governor appears to his message a letter from the Confederate Chief asserting in substance that it is Kentucky which holds her neutrality to be violated by the United States will no longer respect it. The Confederate Chief assures the Governor that the Confederate army will invade Kentucky if she allows her neutrality to be violated by the Federal Government. And the Governor assures the Confederate Chief that if Kentucky organizes her volunteers under the national colors for her own defense she will clearly show her neutrality to be violated by the Federal Government. It follows unavoidably, that, in the Governor's estimation, the Legislature must either forbid the organization of volunteers in this form and disband or remove beyond the limits of Kentucky the volunteers already so organized, or else provoke the immediate and just invasion of the State by the Confederate army, with or without his invitation or consent. But this condition of things, so far as it exists in reality, the Governor himself has exerted his energies to create by every possible means, and especially by concealing gratuitously and officially that the organization of volunteers as described above is a violation of the neutrality of the State. He has contributed his utmost to bring to pass the very alternatives with which he now confronts and attempts to stimulate the representatives of the people. The rod he holds, by way of warning over the Legislature is a rod of his own picking. He has been largely instrumental in conjuring up whatever of peril may beat the front and right of the Legislature. He has done everything he could do to make out and present to the Confederate Chief a case for the invasion of Kentucky by the Confederate army if the Legislature fails to submit to the insidious demands of the Confederate allies in the midst of us. And the message together with the accompanying documents is little or nothing else than the exhibition of this miserable case. Is the very act of surrendering the helm of affairs to the representatives of the people, the Governor turns the power right towards the principles of revolution, and at the same instant cuts a wide hole in the bottom of the craft. Having steered the good ship of the confederacy to the verge of the horrid precipice, he scuttles her to make more sure of plunging her over.

Is standing in this attitude of fortified and desperate purpose that the Governor proposes to refer everything to the free determination of the Legislature? we submit the whole matter; "to the wisdom of your counsels." In his mouth this language is certainly the verbiage mockery. Yet in the action of the Legislature we do not doubt the language is destined to assume its proper significance. The Legislature, without respect to the menace which the Governor seconded by the Confederate Chief has raised above the body, will, His Excellency may rest assured, dispose of "the whole matter" in "the wisdom" of their "counsels," and so far at least as the patriots of Kentucky are concerned, keep in safety the peace, position, character, and honor of the State." If the Governor and his co-advisors and followers, presuming on the strength of the case in favor of Confederate invasion which they have tried to make out beforehand, and not having before them the fear of the example of Jackson, and his co-advisors and followers in Missouri, shall assail the security of the State in these sacred relations, by inviting the Confederate army to invade our borders, then, on the heads of the Governor and his co-advisors and followers, let there be the judgment of God.

The following is from that important Southern paper, the Memphis Avalanche:

—The Confederate Congress, with mostly policy to the South, has thus anticipated the rumored intention of the North to sell their surplus produce to the Northwest so as to permit the farmers of the Northwest to sell their surplus produce to the South in exchange for gold, sugar, and other articles.

We invite to this matter the especial attention of our secession leaders. They loudly invoke the people to rush at once into civil war for the purpose of putting down what they call Lincoln's blockade and establishing an unrestricted trade with the Southern Confederacy, and yet, in the very midst of their fierce invasions, the Southern Congress, seeing or pretending to see all the secession organs and the still fierce threat involved in the seizure of Hickman and Chalk Bluff by a Confederate army, most assuredly the Union encampments in Kentucky will not be broken up. Whatever might be advisable under other circumstances, or whatever may be advisable hereafter, the disbanding of the Union camp at this time would be a deed of weakness of cowardice, of madness. The Union camps will not be disbanded, we venture to predict, till the present extraordinary aspect of things shall change. They will remain as they are, perhaps their number may be increased, even multiplied, but they will continue to look solely, as they are now looking, to defense, and on no account to offence.

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I am inclined to think that yesterday was indeed by our secessionists as a great sensation day, but the fuses to their various bombs were not properly adjusted. There was most inadvertently to have been a succession of circumstances, which, as Tony Lumpkin would say, might produce a "catastrophe accordingly;" but from some unexplained error in the programme, there was a disappointment somewhere, but where that was nowhere to be seen. We have been unable to find out exactly what the main cause of the disappointment was, but the most likely is the most plausible, that the main cause of the disappointment was the want of a sufficient number of spectators to witness the performance. The spectators were few, and the performance was not well attended.

Now let us tell the community what they are to expect. Although the Southern Confederacy has established a strict blockade by the production of the United States will be excluded from all the States that Confederate forces are to be found, the whole matter will be left to the discretion of the Southern Congress, and yet, in the very midst of their fierce invasions, the Southern Congress, seeing or pretending to see all the secession organs and the still fierce threat involved in the seizure of Hickman and Chalk Bluff by a Confederate army, most assuredly the Union encampments in Kentucky will not be broken up. Whatever might be advisable under other circumstances, or whatever may be advisable hereafter, the disbanding of the Union camp at this time would be a deed of weakness of cowardice, of madness. The Union camps will not be disbanded, we venture to predict, till the present extraordinary aspect of things shall change. They will remain as they are, perhaps their number may be increased, even multiplied, but they will continue to look solely, as they are now looking, to defense, and on no account to offence.

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